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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Office of External Affairs  
THROUGH: Chief, Printing and Photography Division, OL  
FROM:   
Assistant General Counsel  
SUBJECT: Liaison with Joint Committee on Printing

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1. As I noted during our brief conversation last week, the Procurement Division, Office of Logistics, is experiencing some difficulty with the Government Printing Office (GPO). They have, for the last several weeks, been contacting Agency contracting officers concerning purchases of printing supplies and services outside of GPO. While the Agency does procure some services from that office, other services and supplies are procured directly from commercial sources. This later activity is based upon the independent printing authority contained in Section 8 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and prior discussions with staff members of the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP). The staff members' view, as I understand it, has consistently been that the Agency is exempt from GPO requirements based upon the independent authority cited above.

2. The Deputy Chief, Procurement Division, Office of Logistics, has requested that our Office initiate a meeting with staff members of JCP to again resolve this matter. Your assistance would be appreciated. In that regard, I would like to convene a meeting on Tuesday, 30 November 1982, at 10 a.m. with you or a representative of your office, representatives from Printing and Photography Division, and the undersigned to plan our approach to the committee staff. If convenient, we can hold the meeting in your office. I will call to confirm the details.

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